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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable  
Handler 4676655 in view of Ronk 5951160 and Bao et al 2003/0220649

Handler shows a housing, a mixing chamber in 12, 14, distal opening 24,

Note: disc with perforations 128, 139 , and blades 131, figs 8-9, 101 and coupling means 165, 164, 166, which couples the piston 52 to the rod 101 at 165, or see the uncoupled configuration at the top of figure 4 and the coupled configuration at the bottom of figure 4 when the latch operators 67 is moved.

The Handler reference discloses all of the recited subject matter as defined within the scope of the claims with the exception of an output valve in fluid connection with the distal housing opening. Also, Handler discloses all of the recited subject matter as defined within the scope of the claims with the exception having an output valve having in inlet and at least two outlets.

The Ronk reference discloses that a chamber 16 with a piston delivery mechanism 56, 66 may be provided with a controllable valve 14, column 4, lines 4-40 connected to the distal housing opening at 58 so as to control the flow of material to another container such as 12.

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In view of the teaching of Ronk that a piston plunger mechanism may be provided with a valve for selective delivery of the material from the chamber, absent any unexpected result, it is deemed that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide for the end of the distal discharge opening of the housing of the Handler device with a valve so that one may control the flow of the material flowing out of the opening.

Also, the Bao et al reference teaches in figure 6, FIG. 6 is a fluid circuit diagram illustrating one embodiment of a biomedical curing material system.

It can be seen that the system includes a balloon component 102 as well as a biomaterial source 104 and static mixer 106 for use in mixing a plurality of biomaterial components at the time of delivery and use. The circuit as shown also includes an outlet at valve 116 to feed along line 109 which has vacuum source 108 and associated lumen 110, as well as second outlet purge path 114 outlet. Various functions are controlled by the use of three-way control valve 116, which can be used to access the various lumen in the course of controlling and/or monitoring pressure and the flow of biomaterial to the balloon.

In view of the teaching of the Bao (et al) reference that one may provide a three-way valve control to provide two alternate outlets for the material of Handler to be dispensed.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wilkie et al 203/0225378 discloses the use of a valve with two outlets for the selective flow of a curing product..
5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony G. Soohoo whose telephone number is (571) 272 1147. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM, Tue-Fri.

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